

2023

Annual Report

Strengthening Communities by
Helping People Build Better Lives.



**cornerstone family programs
& morristown neighborhood house**

Better Lives, Stronger Communities

Patrice Picard

A Message from Our CEO

Dear Friends and Supporters,

As we reflect on the past year, I am proud to share the remarkable progress and transformative growth we have achieved. This has been a year defined by significant milestones, strategic advancements, and a continued commitment to our mission of building better lives and stronger communities.

One of our most notable accomplishments was the expansion of our preschool program. We opened four preschool classrooms in Dover and added an additional classroom in Morristown, providing even more children with access to quality early childhood education. Moreover, our preschool program received a prestigious 4-star rating from Grow NJ Kids, a testament to the hard work, dedication, and expertise of our teachers and staff. This rating reflects our dedication to high standards of teaching, curriculum development, and overall care, ensuring that our children are receiving the best possible start in life.

Our Before and Afterschool Programs (Morristown and Dover), Teen Programs, Summer Camp, Recreation, and enrichment programs continue to grow and evolve. These programs provide essential educational resources, mentorship, social and emotional support, and a safe environment conducive to learning and personal development.

We also introduced several new programs this year, each designed to meet the evolving needs of our community. These initiatives such as, Boyz to Men mentoring, Youth Night, and Core and Cardio free fitness program reflect our commitment to our broader community.


Our Social Adult Day Center remains a place where we redefine aging with joy, support, and connection.

We made significant strides in operational efficiency by consolidating our administrative staff into the Neighborhood House. This consolidation not only brought our team closer together, fostering better communication and collaboration, but also enabled us to redirect savings towards our core programs and services.

As we look to the future, we remain committed to our mission and inspired by the positive change we have achieved throughout the past year. Our successes are a direct result of the support from our community, partners, donors, and dedicated staff

Thank you for being an integral part of our journey. We believe that everyone deserves a chance for a happy, healthy, and productive life!

With heartfelt gratitude,



Patrice Picard

2023

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Our Board of Directors is comprised of our community's philanthropic leaders who are committed to making our community stronger.

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Activities for All

Programs

On THE ROAD TO SUCCESS

Teen Pathways to Brighter Futures

helped our teens:

- Learn valuable on the job training through internships, setting them up for future success.
- Increase SAT scores and better prepare for the college application process.
- Improve emotional awareness and ability to discuss their thoughts and feelings.



100 Teens were trained in Teen Mental Health First Aid!



83% of participants were confident in their capacity to identify mental health and wellness resources for themselves or a peer to use, and were confident that they could use the resources to assist a peer in navigating a stressful situation.



100% of participants noted improvements in taking care of their own mental health and wellness, and 66% demonstrated improved knowledge about mental health stigma and awareness.



85% of teens reported it was important to them to have a safe place to have open discussions with their peers.



100% of businesses highly recommended our internship program.



90% of teens in our workforce development program reported improved communication skills.



98% of teens learned skills that helped prepare them for their first job.

Dover Preschool

We are thrilled to have officially opened our doors to our four new preschool classrooms on October 6, 2023!

- Established a brand new team of certified educators, with 90% being bilingual.
- Cultivated a strong rapport with the Dover community through active participation in local events, fostering valuable connections for potential collaborations. These collaborations offer essential services to the families we support, including parenting resources, emergency food assistance, financial literacy programs, and more.
- Hosted the first ever “sneaker ball” for over 175 district families!



Morristown Preschool

- Opened an eighth preschool classroom allowing us to serve 125 little ones.
- Hosted monthly book clubs for over 60 parents and children to promote early literacy
- Partnered with the Madison YMCA to offer water safety lessons over the summer to our 4 and 5 year olds.



100% of preschoolers engaged in problem-solving and exploration to foster critical thinking skills.



98% of first time preschoolers show improved social skills and interactions with peers through cooperation, sharing and conflict-resolution.



100% of students received healthy nutritious meals each day.



100% of preschoolers who graduated had a smooth transition to Kindergarten.

Summer Camp

- 190 happy campers joined us for 8 weeks of non-stop summer fun!
- Epic adventures included trips to Funplex, Splashplex, Battlezone, Imagine That, The Morris Museum, Grow-A-Row, Liberty Science Center, and Macculloch Hall!
- Three Morris School District teachers helped our campers keep their reading skills sharp and avoid the summer slip.
- Bonus excitement was brought to camp with The Gagashpere, Lizard Guys, a bounce house and an obstacle course!



100% of campers reported having FUN!



90% of our campers said the field trips were the best part of camp.



95% of campers reported making new friends.



85% of campers reported learning new skills through sports, arts & crafts and enrichment opportunities.



Before/After School



- 122 K-5th grade students participated in our before & afterschool program engaging in homework assistance, enrichment, arts, mentorship, and recreation opportunities.
- 4th & 5th grade students participated in the NSBE Jr. STEM Engineering program in partnership with the Morris County Chapter of the Links Inc.
- Kindergarteners engaged in Music Theatre with teaching artists from Mayo Performing Arts Center.
- 3rd graders received violin lessons from the Lakeland Youth Symphony Orchestra.
- 15 students received a mentor from Delbarton to work with throughout the school year in our Big Brothers Bright Futures initiative.
- Students celebrated the World Cup with our very own in-house competition and watch party!

Recreation

- 100+ participants joined us in Open Gym!
- 75+ participants on average came out every Friday night for Youth Night!
- 60 players participated in our fall and spring soccer sessions.
- The Boyz to Men program built a community for 25 middle school boys to learn basic cooking skills and how to get in touch with their emotions.
- Unity Steppers wowed the community with over 25 local performances!



90% of youth in Boyz to Men reported improved responsibility.



85% of youth in Boyz to Men reported increased self-esteem.



95% of Unity Steppers were on honor roll or high honor roll.



100% of participants in Open Gym had a safe place to play ball!

Social Adult Day Center

Our Social Adult Day Center is a lifeline for our aging community, offering companionship and support to **84 seniors aged 63-100 in 2023**. Whether they live independently, with a spouse, or with family, our center provides a welcoming space for everyone—from active seniors seeking purpose to those needing some assistance or in the early stages of decline. We create a vibrant community through engaging activities, shared meals, and meaningful connections. By caring for our seniors, we also give family caregivers the chance to rest and recharge.



100 % of participating families report that the Center allows them to achieve a “better level of care” for their loved one while resulting in greatly reduced stress for the caregiver.



88 % of caregivers also report more time to focus on their personal and professional development or otherwise care for themselves.



Client Testimonials:

“The program is a godsend - my mom loves attending and looks forward to going. I never would have thought she would love it as much as she does. Thank you to everyone - the staff is great!”

“This was the best decision we’ve ever made! He loves the Center and the staff and is so much happier than before!”

Be the Difference Volunteers



325 passionate and energetic volunteers completed 1,500 hours of hands-on service, program assistance, donation drives and more!

Corporate partners included:



Hope for the Holidays:

Through our generous donors we were able to distribute gifts to over 425 students, 5 families, and 55 seniors.

Don't Miss Out!

Our Events

Gala - Raised \$350K

We were back at the Meadow Wood in Randolph, NJ for the "Masquerade Ball" honoring Dr. Judy L. Banks and CHUBB!

The "Ball" raised over \$350,000 through sponsorships, ticket sales, auction items, ad journal sales, and Fund-a-Cause. This year our Unity Step Drill & Dance Team did a wonderful performance during the program portion and we heard from a little girl who has benefited from our programs at the Neighborhood House and in the community.

Major sponsors included CHUBB, Anne and Paul Krump, and Virginia and Michael Ranger.



Bowl-a-Thon - Raised \$50k

Powered by over 125 bowlers, Cornerstone Family Programs 16th ANNUAL BOWL-A-THON was a success.

Riker Danzig LLP secured the title of Highest Fundraising Team for the second year in a row and Highest Scoring Team went to Salerno Duane Auto Group.

Silver and Bronze Sponsors included CHUBB, Virginia and Michael Ranger, Riker Danzig, Salerno Duane Auto Group, Station Partners, Sweetie Pig Foundation, and Wyndham Hotels & Resorts.

Jr. Board 5k- Raised \$5,000

With over 50 runners and walkers, our Junior Board 5k was a huge success, raising \$5,000 for our children's programs. Huge thank you to our Junior Board who worked hard to put this event on!



Support Our Programs

Grants

Hearts of Gold 🧡

♥ FM Kirby Foundation ♥



Thank you FM Kirby Foundation for your long-standing support of all of our programs and services!



State Farm



State Farm generously helped fund our program for Teen Mental Health First Aid.



NJ SIM Foundation



NJ SIM Foundation puts on a golf outing each year at NJ National. We are grateful to be chosen as the beneficiary multiple years in a row.

We want to express our gratitude for those foundations who generously supported our mission through special grant funding this year. Thank you for helping our families find hope and resilience:

Affinity Federal Credit Union Foundation

Allyn Family Foundation

Columbia Bank Foundation

First Energy Foundation

FM Kirby Foundation

Frelinghuysen Foundation

Glasser Foundation

Howmet Aerospace Foundation

Investors Foundation

John Bickford Foundation

McGuinn Family Foundation

Morris Arts Council

National Council for Mental Wellbeing

NJ SIM Foundation

Novartis US Foundation

Opportunity Fund

PNC Foundation

Presbyterian Church in Morristown

Ranger Family Foundation

SIM National Foundation

State Farm

Valley National Bank

Summary of Expenses

2023 Financial Report

Program Expenses

\$ 5,882,849

Giving Children and Teens the Best Start in Life

\$ 4,933,481

Supporting Adults in Improving Their Lives

\$ 444,226

Keeping Seniors Independent & in Their Homes

\$ 505,142

Management and General

\$ 618,148

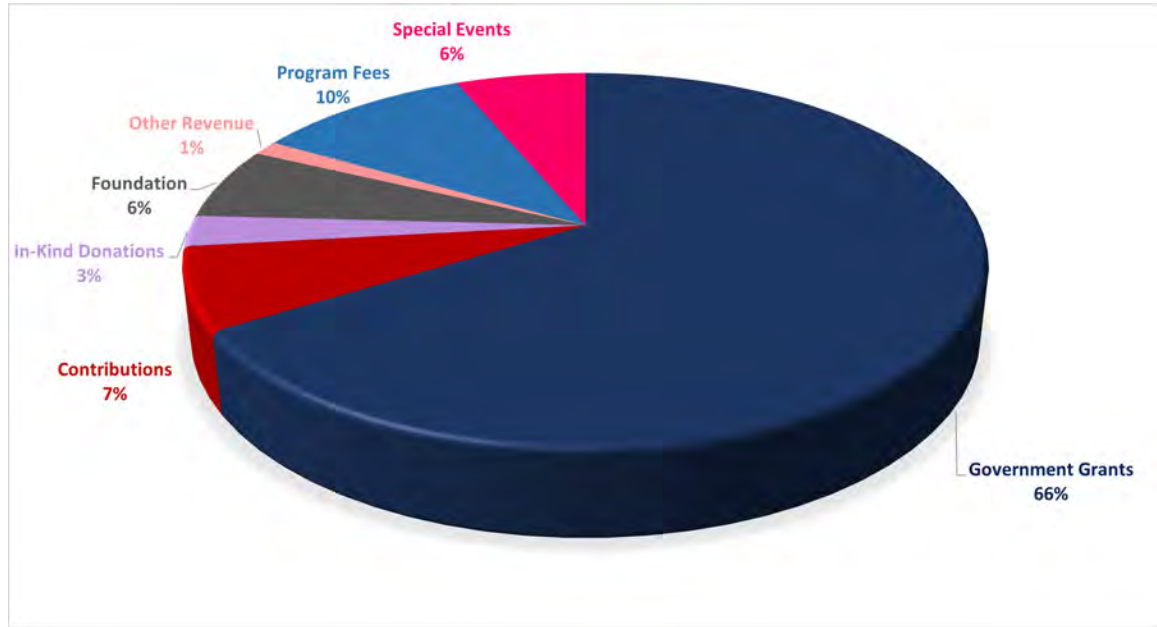
Development and Community Relations

\$ 372,036

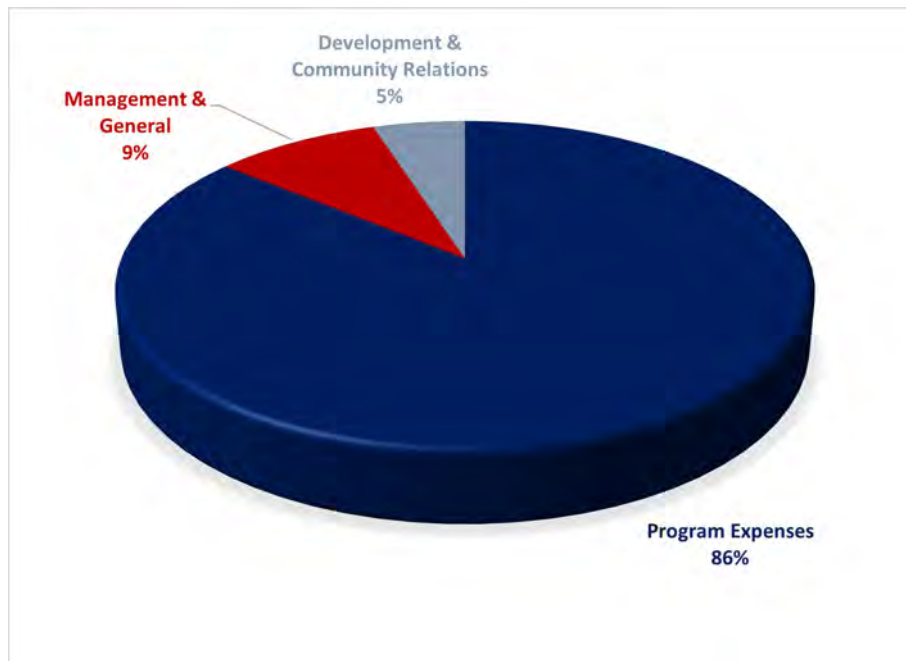
Net Expenses for Operating Activities

\$ 6,873,033

Support and Revenue



Expenses





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**Everyone Deserves a Chance to Live a Happy,
Healthy and Productive Life.**



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Social Adult Day Center

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